



TRUE NORTH
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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Board Meeting Agenda

True North Classical Academy (1000)

True North Classical Academy South (1002)

True North Classical Academy High School (7039)

October 22, 2019 ❖ 10:00am

9393 Sunset Drive • Miami, FL 33173

I. Opening Session

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 10:03

Board Members present: Luis Diaz, Pete Windhorst, Ernie Rodriguez, Rudy Pages

Others present: Dr Marc Snyder, Howard Turin - Turin Construction, Henrique Rojas - Building Hope, Michael Bileca

B. Agenda - Approval of Agenda

Moved by Rudy Pages, Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously. Agreed to add on an additional item about Charter renewal process

II. Reports

A. School Progress Report

Dr. Snyder gave a school progress update. Enrollment in True North South was at projections, enrollment at True North Academy (1000) was at projections, High School was 20 students less than projections. True North is presenting on 10/24 to Walton Foundation in hopes of securing a grant to cover the shortfall.

College Night was a success with strong attendance from 9th grade parents. Great Hearts director of college counseling did a great job in presenting and spending the day at True North to help guide our college counseling process.

As will be discussed later, the AdvancED accreditation process went very well and we expect to be a positive vote by the end of the month.

B. Financials

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes

Moved by Rudy Pages, Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously

IV. Board Discussion / Actions

A. Accreditation Process Overview

Discussion of visit - Spent all day visiting classrooms, parent interviews and Board

interviews. Very impressed. Voting will be done by the end of the month, preliminary results indicate yes!

- B. Charter School Growth Fund Update
Presented in Dever. Received rating of 4. Contract to be presented and approved by Board
- C. Policy and Procedure Changes
Motion was made by Luis Diaz to designate Michael Bileca as additional signer for approver, Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously
- D. Active Assailant Response Plan/School Security Plan
Motion was made by Luis Diaz to approve Active Assailant Response Plan. Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously
- E. Conflict Resolution designation- High School
Motion was made by Luis Diaz to approve Conflict Resolution designation for the High School as Jorge Finlay. Seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously.
- F. Teacher Evaluation
Motion was made by Luis Diaz to approve Teacher Evaluation process. Seconded by Pete Windhorst. Approved unanimously.
- G. Leadership Structure / Principal Designation
Discussion of re-organizing the leadership structure of True North. Board approved moving to a structure where Dr. Marc Snyder is solely focused on leading the High School as it is critically important to the future of True North and Jeanine Finlay is appointed Interim Head of School/Principal for True North Sunset 1000.

Motion was made to appoint Jeanine Finlay Principal of True North 1000 by Luis Diaz, seconded by Rudy Pages. Approved unanimously.

- H. Building Construction Progress
Howard Turin and Henrique Rojas presented on the Construction project. The project is still scheduled for completion on June 30th. Some time was lost due to extensive rain however, they are confident the project will be delivered on time and time will be made up on the schedule. As of now, the project is coming under budget as additional savings are being found as subcontractors are bidding out parts of the job. The Gym is delayed due to permitting but expect permit by November 1st and the Veritas building is scheduled to be torn down. Reported having weekly meetings with Board member Rudy Pages and Michael Bileca.
- I. Charter Renewal
Charter renewal: An additional item was added to the agenda. True North 1000 is up for charter renewal. The Board agrees to ask for the renewal contract to mirror language in the recently negotiated contract for TN South and TN High School. The Board also agrees to ask for a 15 year renewal term.

- V. Next Steps
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:35



Approved by Governing Board December 13, 2019
Signed by Luis Diaz, Governing Board Chairperson